

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The Ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20,

~~characterized in that wherein,~~

~~the said closure material (5)~~ is a polyurethane foam.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The Ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20,

~~characterized in that wherein~~

~~the said plate-shaped insert (6)~~ is interlocked with the said tubular frame ~~(2)~~.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The R ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20.

wherein

~~characterized by the features~~

- the said plate-shaped insert ~~(6)~~ is a circular disk having an outer diameter that is smaller than the an inner diameter of the said filtering material,
- ~~the~~ and wherein a radial outside region of the said plate-shaped insert ~~(6)~~ extends axially into the a region of the said filtering material (1),

~~when it and wherein said plate shaped insert is connected with the said tubular frame and extends axially a uniform distance relative to said tubular frame (2), the axial distance ranges of the plate-shaped insert (6) distributed around the circumference are approximately uniform relative to the tubular frame (2).~~

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The R ring filter according to claim 11 20,

characterized in that wherein.

the said plate-shaped insert (6) has a ring collar (12) projecting in the a radially outward direction of the towards said tubular frame. (2) ~~radially outward relative to its position to be assumed on the tubular frame (2).~~

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The R ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20,

~~characterized in that wherein,~~

the said plate shaped insert (6) has a plurality of radially projecting fingers (14) extending radially outside for an axial stop on the said filtering material (1).

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The R ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20,

~~characterized in that~~

the further comprising a plurality of fingers (14) projecting radially out from said plate shaped insert and are located in the a lower floor region and which have an extremely small axial dimension relative to the said height of the said radial outer surface of the said plate-shaped insert (6).

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The R ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 15,

~~characterized in that~~

further comprising a plurality of axial supports (10) are provided disposed on the said ring collar projecting in a radially outward direction relative to said tubular frame (12) for providing an axial stop on the said tubular frame (5).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ The ring filter according to claim ~~11~~ 20,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

~~the said plate shaped insert (6) is provided with has a plurality of radially elastic flexible tongues (8), projecting axially out from this said plate shaped insert (6) in the a direction of the said tubular frame (2), to achieve an interlocking connection with the tubular frame (2), with wherein said plurality of radially elastic the flexible tongues being include implemented as barbs (9) on their free end for axial fixing on the said tubular frame (2) to form an interlocking connection with said tubular frame.~~

Claim 20. (New) A ring filter having two ends comprising:

a) a star-shaped folded filtering material;

b) a radially permeable tubular frame having two ends, and which extends approximately over an entire axial length of said ring filter adjoining said filtering material radially on an inside surface of said filtering material;

c) a closure coupled to one end of said radially permeable tubular frame, said closure comprising:

i) a plate shaped insert coupled to said radially permeable tubular frame; and

ii) a molded closure section coupled to said plate shaped insert, extending radially outside said plate shaped insert and formed from a foamed plastic wherein said plate shaped insert is made from a different material; and

d) a ring shoulder formed on said tubular frame opposite said closure, wherein said ring shoulder joins a closed end of said filtering material of said ring filter.

Claim 21. (New) A cylindrical filter having two ends comprising:

a) a filter material;

b) a radially permeable tubular frame having two ends and which extends approximately over an entire axial length of said cylindrical filter radially inside, and adjacent to said filter material;

c) a closure coupled to one end of said radially permeable tubular frame, said closure comprising:

i) a plate shaped insert coupled to said radially permeable tubular frame; and

ii) a molded closure section coupled to said plate shaped insert, extending radially outside said plate shaped insert covering an open end of said filter and formed from a foamed plastic; and

d) a ring shoulder formed on said tubular frame opposite said closure, wherein said ring shoulder joins a closed end of said filtering material of said ring filter.